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ELECTROMAGNETIC CENTIMETRE WAVES, AND
RECEPTACLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTIVE METHOD
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed concurrently herewith. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

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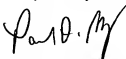
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Cited in the attached PTO-1449 is U.S. Patent No. 5,194,408. Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of this U.S. reference are not enclosed. We are enclosing a copy of PCT Publication No: WO 94/19917 as well as the International Search Report dated September 15, 2003 from the corresponding PCT application serial no: PCT/EP03/07212.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Respectfully submitted,



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